



The regular meeting of the Board of the Rotary Club of Gilmer County was held at noon on March 8, 2017, at the Davis House Restaurant. Those present were: Scott Chastain, Paige Green, Jerry Johnson, Barry Lee, Heath Lee, John Mahan, Penelope Marshall, Katherine Meyer, Charlie and Kathy Pults. The proposed agenda was approved.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the February 1, 2017 Board meeting were reviewed and approved. Membership was reported at a total of 32, with 27 active, 1 R85 active, 3 honorary members, and one enrolled guest.

Treasurer's Report: The printed report was distributed, showing the balance in checking today as \$8030.61, with accounts receivable of \$750.00. Barry offered further explanation that the Lake Chatuge / Hiawassee Club will return to the program next year so that all expenses will be shared by four clubs instead of the current three. Plans are also underway for the convocation in 2018 to be held in our district and we may allocate our GRSP budget to underwrite those expenses.

Old Business:

- Barry reviewed the Award Points and Presidential Citation. After this week's Club Assembly only 3 of our Board members still need to establish MyRotary accounts. This and other award categories will be pursued by the March 31 deadline. The goal remains achieving the Gold standard.
- Barry reported that the nominations for district Rotarian recognitions have been submitted.

New Business:

- Discussion was held on follow-up of the Kenya Water Distribution project. Jerry reported on findings from discussions with the Aiken club. Charlie reported that we do not have general funds available to contribute to the project. Barry reported that the Gilmer Rotarian Foundation, a 501(c)-3 corporation, will be able to accept tax-deductible contributions for this project and hold them for passing on when the Rotary Global Grant is approved. One of the board members pledged a \$1,000 donation if other club members corporately match the amount. Motion to approve was passed. Barry will challenge members to make donations for this purpose.
- Jim Smith, currently a Rule of 85 member, requested conversion to honorary membership. Motion approved to change his status effective April 1.
- Barry presented the request from our GRSP Trustee Rick Maddox for our club to participate in sponsorship of the August, 2018 GRSP Conclave at Brasstown Valley Resort. Motion made to participate and to use our regular GRSP budget for this purpose rather than for sponsoring a student. Approved.

Committees:

- Foundation: Penelope recommended that the District Matching Grant recipient next year be Gilmer County Kids Cottage. Approved.
- Club Administration: Paige reported that the luggage project for North Georgia Mountain Crisis Network will conclude on next Monday.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry D. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jerry D. Johnson, Club Secretary